

Ministry @Home



These resources are to help equip & enable worship together as "family". They are intentionally intergenerational to allow space, conversation, activity & response together as the family of God. We encourage all ages to be participative & open, being responsive to God and each other.

Gather.....

- As you gather find a place that is comfortable and have the resources ready for the activities, prayer or response times ready.
- Choose 3 members to light the 3 candles (engage all ages)

Opening words of praise with lighting of 3 candles -

I will light a light
in the name of the Maker,
who lit the world
and gave everything life.

I will light a light
in the name of the Son,
who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to me.

I will light a light
in the name of the Spirit,
who is present everywhere in the
world
and gives me strength.

Together:
**We will light three lights
for the trinity of love:**
God above us,
God beside us,
God beneath us;
The beginning,
The end
and the Everlasting one.

Welcome.....

Song: There's a Place where the streets
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4eMO5aut7eI>
(can be sung or listened to)

Reflection time: Within your gathering share with each other the following questions:

Imagine for a moment that one day there is a knock on your front door, when you open the door, there is a familiar person standing there.

Who would you want that person to be?

They say that they really want you to spend a week with them in their home.

Would you accept their offer & why?

Bible passage: John 14:1-14 (Acts 7:55-60)

AND/OR

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZPWf2jWTmw>

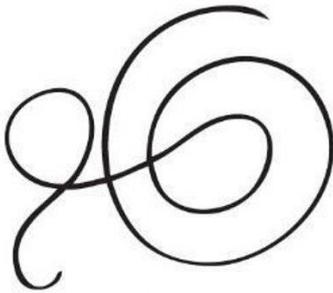
Jesus had been warning the disciples he would be leaving them and they were becoming worried, how were they to follow if they didn't know where he was going. Jesus then goes on to say why he is going – to prepare a place for them. Thinking back to your person who's knocking on the door and invites you to stay How would they prepare for you to stay with them?

If that person knows you, they are likely to be preparing activities or food they know you like.... Because they know you, they have a relationship with you. How about a celebrity – they do not know you, so you would have to trust them that they had something or somewhere good for you to go. Jesus asked the disciples to **TRUST** him but he also knew them as friends, Jesus makes a promise, a word of comfort to his disciples.

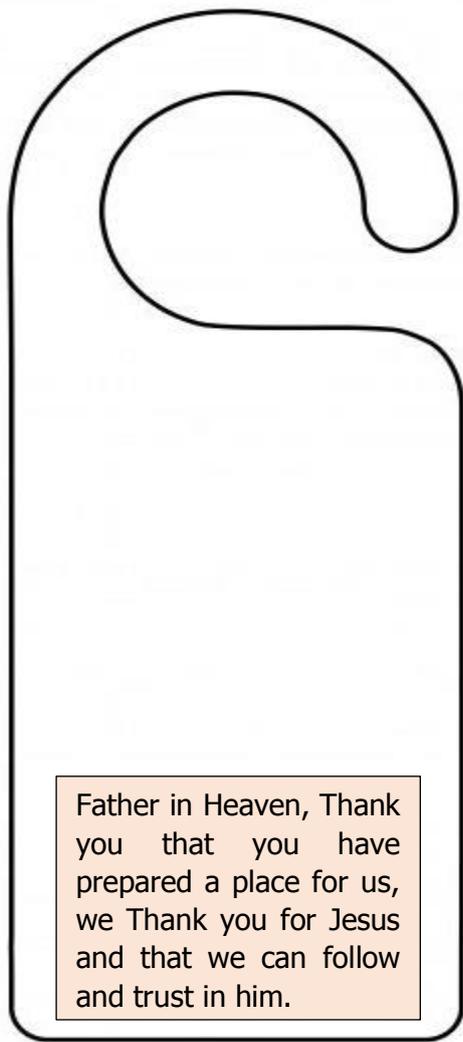
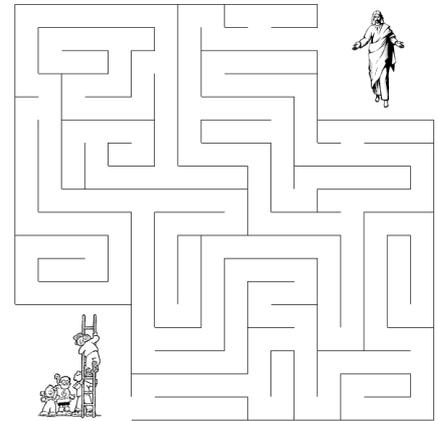
Interactive Learning.....

We become 'found' when we trust Jesus and our lives to Him.

HOLY WORD PATH: Give everyone a piece of paper and crayons/pencils to write today's Bible verse in a path around their sheet of paper - as in a circle or a squiggly path, etc. You will then hand the paper to the person on your right and everyone will have their turn at reading the Bible Verse PATH if they can follow the words in order. The words have to be in the right order but the path can go anywhere on the paper.



Try creating a maze of your own &/or follow the trail below.



Father in Heaven, Thank you that you have prepared a place for us, we Thank you for Jesus and that we can follow and trust in him.

Design a door hanger with key words from the bible reading

Jesus **promises** to be with us through the power of the Holy Spirit, to work in and through us, to accomplish his purposes in the world. When this happens we may see healing, forgiveness and **peace** in our communities, people working together - this is the work of God. Wherever there is life in abundance, this is Jesus' presence in our midst.

Jesus is teaching us not to be fearful but to **Trust** he has prepared a way ahead for us, though it might be like a maze or not straight forward we are invited to be with him to be in his **eternal** home. So, whatever happens to us each day, and some days are really hard and difficult, we have something really wonderful to look forward to.

Whilst creating, chat about the following questions & Share stories of when you or someone in your gathering has had to trust Jesus.....

1. Who would you trust with the person or item that is most precious to you?
2. Do you feel the disciples trusted Jesus?
3. Do you believe & trust there is a place in heaven for you?
 - a. Why?

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: In Christ Alone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvLxZEU02uI>

(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

Song: Let Your Glory Fall

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnnHSxW3N0w>

(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

Encourage members to read silently or aloud their prayers. . Other prayers can be said at this time, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**



Celebration....

If any of your members celebrate a birthday within the next week – sing

Happy birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May God's richest blessings
Be showered on you.



Closing.....

The Grace (with "Messy" actions)

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all,
now and evermore. Amen.**

Closing Responses.....

Song: Build Your Kingdom here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcSWpVKKMcs>

can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

From where we are
to where you need us.

Jesus, now lead on!

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you reveal.

Jesus, now lead on!

To make this world
look more like your kingdom,

Jesus, now lead on!

Ask different members to blow out the candles.....until you meet again

Extra Ideas

- <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/171488698289174290/>
- <https://www.daniellesplace.com/html/bible-crafts-jesus-way.html>
- Create a marble run maze
- Life, Truth, Way Dice Game
https://scripturelady.com/way-truth-dice-john-14_6-p1-3/